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1. TEXT OF THE FINAL VERSION OF JOINT US-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
JANUARY 23, 1976, AS REQUESTED REFTEL, AND AS RELEASED TO PRESS
BY EMBASSY, FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: COMMUNIQUE

ON 20-23 JANUARY IN MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE L.I. BREZHNEV, POLITBURO
MEMBER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR A. A. GROMYKO
AND THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER.

THE TALKS TOUCHED UPON A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTER-
EST TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION. TAKING
PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS WERE, ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, WALTER J.
STOESSEL, JR.,

AMBASSADOR OF THE U.S.A. TO THE USSR; HELMUT SONNENFELDT, COUN-
SELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; ARTHUR A. HARTMAN, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS; WILLIAM HYLAND, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL

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SECURITY AFFAIRS; JAMES P. WADE, DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND OTHERS; AND ON THE SOVIET SIDE, V. V. KUZNETSOV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; G. M. KORNIYENKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; A. F. DOBRYNIN, AMBASSADOR OF THE USSR TO THE U.S.A.; A. M. ALEXANDROV, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, AND OTHERS.

BOTH SIDES ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE COURSE OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S.A. AND THE USSR WOULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE CAUSE OF RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE. IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS DEVOTED TO EXAMINATION OF CONCRETE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORKING OUT OF A NEW LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. A. AND THE USSR ON LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A. AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN VLADIVOSTOK IN NOVEMBER 1974. PROGRESS WAS ATTAINED ON A NUMBER OF THESE QUESTIONS, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED WITH THE AIM OF FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE REMAINING PROBLEMS. DURING EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, BOTH SIDES HAD IN MIND THE TASK OF FACILITATING PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WAS ALSO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF OTHER URGENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

THE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE IN A BUSINESS-LIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE. BOTH SIDES CONSIDER THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO HAVE BEEN USEFUL. END TEXT

2. SOVIET VERSION AS PRINTED IN PRAVDA JANUARY 24 VARIES SLIGHTLY FROM TEXT IN PARA 1 ABOVE:

-- SOVIET VERSION CARRIES TITLE "ON THE RESULTS OF L. I. BREZHNEV'S AND A.A. GROMYKO'S DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S.A. SECRETARY OF STATE H. KISSINGER" (VICE "COMMUNIQUE");

-- WADE OMITTED IN LISTING OF US PARTICIPANTS;
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-- KUZNETSOV OMITTED IN LISTING OF SOVIET PARTICIPANTS, AND ORDER OF LATTER GIVEN AS DOBRYNIN-ALEXANDROV-KORNIYENKO (VICE KORNIYENKO-DOBRYNIN-ALEXANDROV IN OUR VERSION);

-- IN FIRST SUBSTANTIVE PARA, SOVIET TEXT READS
"DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S.A.

SERVES REPEAT SERVES" (VICE "WOULD SERVE").
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